

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/582,563  
Applicant : Hiroyuki Nakata et al.  
Filed : June 12, 2006  
Title : WELDING SYSTEM AND CONSUMABLE ELECTRODE  
WELDING METHOD  
Conf. No. : 1588  
TC/A.U. : 4118  
Examiner : Hung D. Nguyen  
Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : NGB-40647

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 5, 2009 (Paper No. 20090217). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on June 5, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.